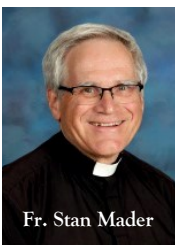




Adoration of the Magi; Andrea Mantegna, 1495-1505



Fr. Stan Mader

On December 24, Pope Francis opened the Holy Door for this Holy Year of 2025. Pope Boniface VIII proclaimed the first Jubilee year in 1300. The Christian Jubilee is a spiritual reinterpretation of ancient Hebrew tradition described in the book of Leviticus that proclaimed a Jubilee year every 50 years that released slaves, forgave debts, and reconciled adversaries. Pope Boniface initially expected there would be a Holy Year once a century, but there was one in 1350, and it has typically been every 25 years since 1475. There have been some special ones, such as the Year of Mercy in 2016. The theme for this year is the Year of Hope. It is also to mark the 1,700th anniversary of the first ecumenical council, the Council of Nicea in 325. Archbishop Hebda presided at a Mass to commemorate the opening of the Holy Year with a Mass at the Cathedral last Sunday.

There will be some changes to staff coming up, but at this writing, I cannot say exactly what. As reported some months ago, Cheryl Salz will be retiring at the end of the month. Her position is being reevaluated and will become more about adult education rather than parish life. That will affect some tasks currently assigned to other staff. There will be a farewell for Cheryl after the Tuesday Mass on January 21. Please take that opportunity, or sometime before to wish Cheryl well. She has been on our staff for about 10 years and is moving into a new vocation as a grandmother to a growing number of grandchildren.

Fr. Stan's article continued on page 2...

PRAY with POPE FRANCIS

Papal Prayer Intention for January



For the **RIGHT** to an **EDUCATION**

We pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

MASS TIMES
Mon: 6:30 pm | Tues, Wed, Fri: 8:15 am
Sat: 5:15 pm | Sun: 8:30 am & 10:30 am

RECONCILIATION
Mon: 5:30 pm | Sat: 4:00 pm
or by appointment

ADORATION
Mon & Thur: 5:00pm - 9:00 pm
Tues: 9:00 am - 9:00 pm
Wed: 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm

ROSARY
Half hour before every daily Mass
Sat: 4:45 pm
Sun: 8:00 am

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(Fr. Stan's message continued...)

During my time here, Cheryl has been instrumental in helping start a number of endeavors, such as our outreach relationship with Love, INC, and family development with The Cana Institute. She has been a liaison to the Knights of Columbus, and I feel she has helped them become a Star Council two years in a row. There are many other areas under her purview, such as Woman of Joy, Boomers & Beyond, and more.

Our administrative assistant, Sheila Wald, who just started in October, has taken a position similar to what she had done before moving to Minnesota. We are sorry to see her leave. She did a good job while she was here. I am happy to say she plans to remain living in Waconia and be a parishioner here.

At a recent meeting, where we discussed changing roles in the staff, the parish council supported me in considering adding to the staff to right-size some job descriptions and better staff the themes the parish council has endorsed for the next year or two. As our ideas are still fluid, I will ask you to wait for some more information on that.

I will be on vacation this weekend and the coming week. I'm grateful to my brother priests for filling in during my absence. At this Saturday evening Mass and all weekday Masses, Fr. Joseph Bambenek will preside. A Hastings native ordained in 2010, he served in parishes for about 10 years and now works at the Archdiocese as Assistant Director of the Office for the Renewal of Structures and the Office of Synod Evangelization. Fr. Bambenek holds a bachelor's degree in physics from MIT and three master's degrees: nuclear engineering, technology and policy, and divinity. On Sunday, January 5, both Masses will be celebrated by Fr. Bobby Pish, the parochial vicar at St. Bartholomew in Wayzata. Fr. Pish, also ordained in 2010, has a business degree from the University of Pennsylvania, has served as Vice Rector and Associate Dean of the Saint Paul Seminary, and has studied psychology with experience in private practice. Next Saturday, January 11, Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Jim Devorak, a retired priest who often assists at St. Nicholas in Carver and was formerly pastor of Immaculate Conception in Watertown.



NEWS & EVENTS

SYMPATHY

The sympathy of the parish is extended to the family and friends of Mary Klein. *Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord.*

SECOND COLLECTION

Next week we will have our monthly second collection. This month it is for World Mission Sunday. It's a chance to pray and give to support our sisters and brothers in Christ who live in areas of poverty, conflict, and oppression. Online donations can be made through online giving at stjosephwaconia.org/giving/ways-to-give/ or in the memo line on checks please add World Mission Sunday collection. *Thank you!*

FR. STAN is AWAY

Fr. Stan will be away from January 4-11. Thank you to guest priest, Fr. Joseph Bambenek, Fr. Bobby Pish, and Fr. Jim

Devorak who will be celebrating all Masses and holding normal confession hours with us while Fr. Stan is away.

STEUBENVILLE FUNDRAISER

36 of our current high school youth will be going to a Steubenville Conference at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul in July. We will be having a fundraiser this weekend to help support them. There will be 100 envelopes - take a number, put that dollar amount in the envelope, and return it either that day or at the church office. For example, if you take envelope #2 you place \$2 in the envelope, or envelope #56 add \$56 to the envelope. *Thank you in advance for your support!*

PRAY.VENT.LAUGH. - Jan 9

Pray.Vent.Laugh is a small group for parents and grandparents with young children. Plan to bring your kids and join us for prayer and fellowship on Thursday, January 9 at 8:45 am in the Parish Center (lower level of the church).

MASS INTENTIONS

MON	JAN 6	6:30 pm	Michael Perkins
TUE	JAN 7	8:15 am	Bonnie Jacobson
WED	JAN 8	8:15 am	Greg & Barb Fruhwirth (<i>Silent Saints</i>)
THU	JAN 9		No Mass
FRI	JAN 10	8:15 am	Marian Conway
SAT	JAN 11	5:15 pm	St. Joseph Parishioners
SUN	JAN 12	8:30 am	Living & Deceased Members of the John & Regina Pieper Family
		10:30 am	Deceased Members of the Stacken Family
		7:30 pm	Fr. Tom Fitzgerald †

* Indicates the family has requested to take up the Gifts.

PRAY

Please pray for the following:

Mia G, Joyce J, Shawn S, Julie W, Art W, Paul T, Joan H, Rene F, Jeff E, Chuck P, Nathan D, Stella W, Jeremy P, Marilynn P, Marilyn B, Diane V, Rick S, Barbara S, Jake W, Theresa L, Sandy M, Brian N, Sarah R, and Ryan P.

And for St. Joseph loved ones in the Military:

Airman Riley M, Sergeant Ryan H, Sergeant Allyna S, PFC Dalton W, Sergeant Robin L, Staff Sergeant Weston H, Staff Sergeant Sean W, Tech Sergeant Michael S, Major Leah M, First Lieutenant Samuel M, Col. Mitch D, Lieutenant Commander Philip L, and SPC Justin S.

And for those in Law Enforcement:

Logan H, Adam M, Alex W, Andy F, Dennis F, Fred R, Tyler S, Eric W, Adam H, and Cory W.

And for those Discerning a Religious Vocation:

Seminarian: Mónico H.

LOOKING AHEAD

JAN 18	First Reconciliation <i>Please pray for all our Second Graders preparing to receive this Sacrament for the first time!</i>
JAN 19	KC Respect Life Breakfast 8:00 am-12:30 pm at Trinity Lutheran
JAN 26	KC Free Throw Contest 4:00 pm-6:00 pm in the School Gym
FEB 1	Saints Gala
FEB 7	Family Valentine Dance 6:00 pm-7:30 pm in the School Gym
FEB 22-23	WELCOME Retreat Men's Weekend
MAR 1-2	WELCOME Retreat Women's Weekend

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, JANUARY 6

5:00 pm-9:00 pm: Adoration (*Chapel*)
5:30 pm-6:15 pm: Confession with Fr. Joseph Bambenek
6:00 pm: Parish Rosary (*Church*)
6:30 pm: Mass with Fr. Joseph Bambenek

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

7:45 am: Parish Rosary (*Church*)
8:15 am: Mass with Fr. Joseph Bambenek
9:00 am: Scripture Study (*Parish Center*)
9:00 am - 9:00 pm: Adoration (*Chapel*)
6:00 pm: Bell Choir Rehearsal (*Choir Loft*)
7:00 pm: OCIA/Catholicism (*Parish Center*)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

7:00 am: Morning Prayer (*Chapel*)
8:15 am: Mass with the School
5:00 pm - 10:00 pm: Adoration (*Chapel*)
6:00 pm: Family Formation (*Church*)
6:00 pm: EDGE (*School*)
6:00 pm: Confirmation (*School*)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9

No Mass

8:45 am: Pray.Vent.Laugh. (*Parish Center*)
4:00 pm: Holy Hour (*Chapel*)
5:00 pm - 9:00 pm: Adoration (*Chapel*)
7:00 pm: Choir Rehearsal (*Loft*)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10

7:45 am: Parish Rosary (*Church*)
8:15 am: Mass with Fr. Joseph Bambenek

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

Confirmation Retreat | Second Collection
9:00 am: Rosary & Speaker Event (*Church/Parish Center*)
4:00 pm-5:00 pm: Confession with Fr. Jim Devorak
4:45 pm: Parish Rosary (*Church*)
5:15 pm: Mass with Fr. Jim Devorak

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

Confirmation Retreat | Second Collection
8:00 am: Parish Rosary (*Church*)
8:30 am: Mass
10:30 am: Mass
6:00 pm: Youth Group (*Parish Center*)
7:30 pm: Mass (*Chapel*)

Know

Love

Serve

VIRTUS



Learn more about VIRTUS, which is an Archdiocesan initiative for cultivating an environment of awareness for the protection of our children and vulnerable adults by going online to stjosephwaconia.org/virtus. If you have questions, please contact Sarah Richards at srichards@stjosephwaconia.org.

WHY DO WE KNEEL FOLLOWING MASS?

Please join us in our custom of kneeling down after Mass to pray an Our Father, a Hail Mary, and a Glory Be to the Father. For many years at St. Joseph, the Parishioners pause and kneel after Mass to say a prayer for the next person in our parish family to be born and the next to pass away and for vocations to consecrated life.



WHY DO WE REMAIN STANDING AFTER THE GOSPEL IS READ?

Standing for the proclamation of the Gospel is a sign of respect. It has been a common prayer posture since the early Christians. Here at St. Joseph, we remain standing until after the Gospel book, in which are found the words of Christ himself, is enthroned. Simply put, Jesus should be the first to sit down. Once He is sitting or enthroned, then we can sit.



SILENT SAINTS



Silent Saints

The recipient of St. Joseph's January 8 Day of Prayer is:

GREG & BARB FRUHWIRTH

Thank you Greg & Barb
for your kindness,
generosity & support!

We are blessed to call you friends!

Our faith community has been blessed with MANY silent saints. Each month we honor our saints with a special day of prayer. We keep these Silent Saints in our prayers for that day. Greg & Barb Fruhwirth will be honored at Mass with the School on January 8 at 8:15 am.

KC CORNER

RESPECT LIFE BREAKFAST

The KC's are serving breakfast at the Trinity Lutheran Fellowship Hall on Sunday, January 19 from 8:00 am to 12:30 pm! Proceeds will go to support local Enkrateia: House of Hope and other Pro-Life causes! The menu includes Sausage, Eggs, Pancakes, French Toast, Fruit and a Beverage. The Respect Life Breakfast is an event co-sponsored by Waconia Knights of Columbus #2506 and Trinity Lutheran Church. Learn

KC FREE THROW CONTEST

Calling all parish boys and girls ages 9-14 years to participate in the Knights of Columbus "Free Throw Contest" in the St. Joseph School Gym on Sunday, January 26 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. **Questions?** Contact Trent Klein at trentklein11@yahoo.com or 952-201-1107.

WELCOME RETREAT WEEKENDS

Save the Date & Register Today!

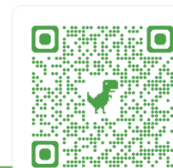
Are you looking for a stronger faith and connection with God and others? Are you looking for a sense of belonging and community in your parish life? Welcome, a retreat weekend, is for you! Join us on our upcoming weekends. You won't regret it! *(This free retreat is open to anyone 18 years or older.)*

MEN'S RETREAT:

February 22-23

WOMEN'S RETREAT:

March 1-2



REGISTER TODAY!

SAVE THE DATES!

Scan the QR Code to learn more and register to attend.

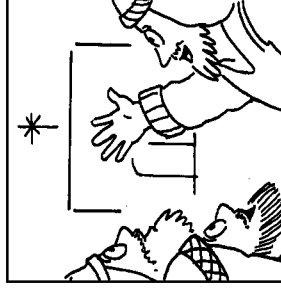
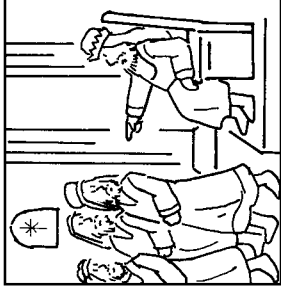
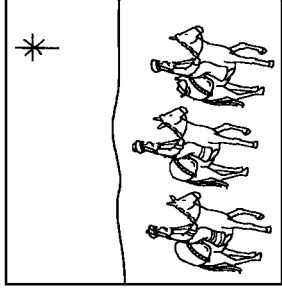
The Magi found baby Jesus.
They never told Herod.

Ages 3+

January 5, 2025 • Matthew 2:1-12

The Magi Seek Jesus

Draw lines to put the pictures in the correct order.



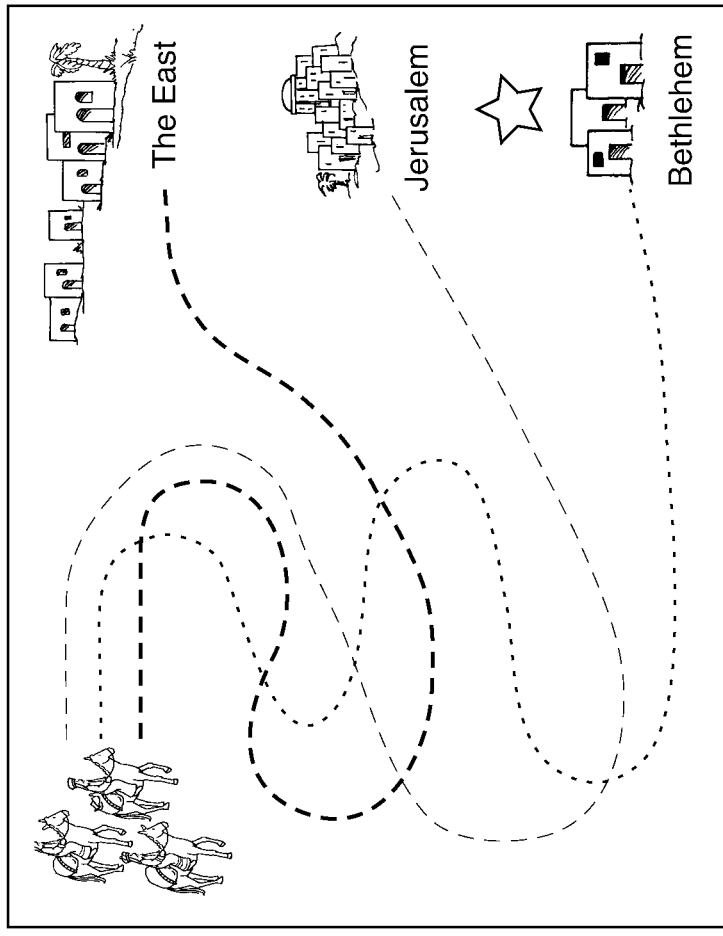
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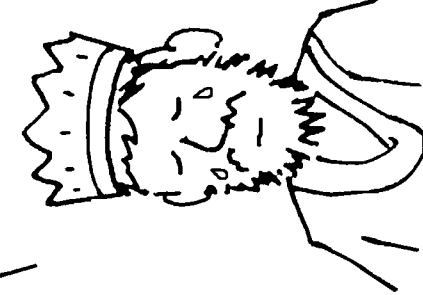
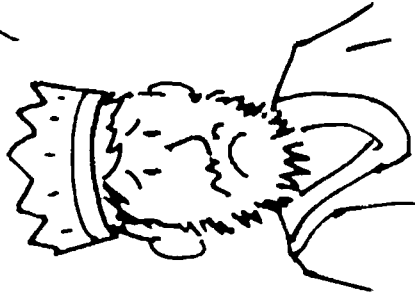
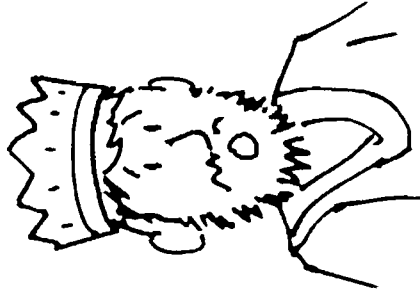
Trace the path the Magi took
to follow the star to Bethlehem.



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CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
Know, Love, and Serve the Lord

King Herod was angry about Jesus' birth.

Circle the picture of angry King Herod.



King Herod lied. He said he wanted to ...

Trace the letters in the bubble writing.

Worship Jesus.

